Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection Prevention in the Pediatric Intensive and Cardiac Care Units

**Background:** Central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSIs) are a preventable cause of illness in the Pediatric Intensive and Cardiac Care Units (PICU-PCCU).

**Initiative:** We implemented protocols, called *bundles*, for insertion and maintenance of central lines to reduce the rate of these infections.

**Goal:** Our ultimate goal is zero CLABSIs. Our minimum acceptable standard is a rate less than the national mean of 2.2 CLABSIs per 1,000 line-days.

**Outcome:** Our combined PICU-PCCU CLABSI rate has remained at or below the national mean for the past 3 quarters.

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